

**Conditional Adjournment of Both Houses:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 2, providing for the conditional recess or adjournment of the House of Representatives and Senate. **Page H33**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2005. **Page H33**

**Appointment Authority:** Agreed that during the First Session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H33**

**Extension of Remarks:** Agreed that during the First Session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material within the permitted limit in that section of the Record entitled "Extensions of Remarks". **Page H33**

**Policies of the Chair:** The Chair announced his policies with respect to particular aspects of the legislative process dealing with (1) privileges of the floor; (2) introduction of bills and resolutions; (3) unanimous-consent agreements; (4) recognition for one-minute speeches, morning-hour debate, and special orders; (5) decorum in debate; (6) conduct of votes by electronic device; (7) distribution of written material on the House floor; (8) use of wireless telephones or personal computers on the House floor; and (9) jurisdictional issues. Without objection the announcements will be printed in the Record. **Pages H33–35**

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Hoekstra as Chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H35**

**House Office Buildings Commission:** The Chair announced that Representatives DeLay and Pelosi will serve as members of the House Office Building Commission with Speaker Hastert. **Page H35**

**Clerk Designations:** Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he designated Mr. Gerasimos C. Vans, Deputy Clerk; Ms. Marjorie C. Kelaher, Assistant to the Clerk; or Mr. Daniel J. Strodel, Assistant to the Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of his temporary absence or disability. **Page H35**

**Homeland Security Committee:** The House agreed to H. Res. 10, providing for the interim expenses of the Committee on Homeland Security in the first session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress. **Pages H35–37**

**Morning Hour Debate:** During the first session of the 109th Congress, agreed that on the legislative days of Monday and Tuesday before May 16, 2005, the House shall convene 90 minutes earlier than otherwise established for the purpose of morning-hour debate. Agreed that on the legislative day of Tuesday after May 16, 2005, the House shall convene for morning-hour debate one hour earlier than the time otherwise established. **Page H37**

**Expressing condolences and support for the victims of the tsunami in South and Southeast Asia:** The House agreed to H. Res. 12, expressing condolences and support for assistance to the victims of the earthquake and tsunamis that occurred on December 26, 2004, in South and Southeast Asia. **Pages H37–47**

**In Memory of the late Honorable Robert T. Matsui of California:** The House agreed to H. Res. 11, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Robert T. Matsui, a Representative from the State of California. **Pages H47–63**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H32.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** 5 yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3, H11, H29–30, H30–31, H31. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1, which appears on page H1–2.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and at 9:25 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 11, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Robert T. Matsui.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1134)

H.R. 480, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 747 Broadway in Albany, New York, as the "United States Postal Service Henry Johnson Annex". Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108–459).

H.R. 2119, to provide for the conveyance of Federal lands, improvements, equipment, and resource materials at the Oxford Research Station in Granville County, North Carolina, to the State of North Carolina. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108–460).

H.R. 2523, to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "Tomochichi United States Courthouse".

Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-461).

H.R. 3124, to designate the facility of the United States Geological Survey and the United States Bureau of Reclamation located at 230 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho, as the “F.H. Newell Building”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-462).

H.R. 3147, to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the “James V. Hansen Federal Building”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-463).

H.R. 3204, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-464).

H.R. 3242, to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-465).

H.R. 3734, to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the “Joe Skeen Federal Building”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-466).

H.R. 3884, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 615 East Houston Street in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-467).

H.R. 4232, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4025 Feather Lakes Way in Kingwood, Texas, as the “Congressman Jack Fields Post Office”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-468).

H.R. 4324, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for Federal employees to make elections to make, modify, and terminate contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund at any time. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-469).

H.R. 4620, to confirm the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect approved State commodity assessments on behalf of the State from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-470).

H.R. 4807, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Sacramento Street in Rio Vista, California, as the “Adam G. Kinser Post Office Building”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-471).

H.R. 4847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 560 Bay Isles Road in Longboat Key, Florida, as the “Lieutenant General

James V. Edmundson Post Office Building”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-472).

H.R. 4968, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 McHenry Street in Rosine, Kentucky, as the “Bill Monroe Post Office”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-473).

H.R. 5360, to authorize grants to establish academies for teachers and students of American history and civics. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-474).

H.R. 5364, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5505 Stevens Way in San Diego, California, as the “Earl B. Gilliam/Imperial Avenue Post Office Building”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-475).

H.R. 5365, to treat certain arrangements maintained by the YMCA Retirement Fund as church plans for the purposes of certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-476).

H.R. 5370, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4985 Moorhead Avenue in Boulder, Colorado, as the “Donald G. Brotzman Post Office Building”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-477).

H.R. 4829, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 East Kleberg in Kingsville, Texas, as the “Irma Rangel Post Office Building”. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-478).

H.J. Res. 102, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu and the end of Imperial Japanese control of Palau during World War II and urging the Secretary of the Interior to work to protect the historic sites of the Peleliu Battlefield National Historic Landmark and to establish commemorative programs honoring the Americans who fought there. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-479).

H.R. 2457, to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-480).

H.R. 2619, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-481).

H.R. 3632, to prevent and punish counterfeiting of copyrighted copies and phonorecords. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-482).

H.R. 3785, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-483).

H.R. 3818, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to improve the results and accountability of microenterprise development assistance programs.

Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-484).

H.R. 4027, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-485).

H.R. 4116, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, to America's lands, waterways, and skies and the great importance of the designation of the American bald eagle as an "endangered" species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-486).

H.R. 4548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-487).

H.R. 4569, to provide for the development of a national plan for the control and management of Sudden Oak Death, a tree disease caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-488).

H.R. 4657, to amend the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to improve the administration of Federal pension benefit payments for District of Columbia teachers, police officers, and fire fighters. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-489).

H.R. 5204, to amend section 340E of the Public Health Service Act (relating to children's hospitals) to modify provisions regarding the determination of the amount of payments for indirect expenses associated with operating approved graduate medical residency training programs. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-490).

H.R. 5363, to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2005. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-491).

H.R. 5382, to promote the development of the emerging commercial human space flight industry. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-492).

H.R. 5394, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the taxation of arrow components. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-493).

H.R. 5419, To amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Or-

ganization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users; to improve, enhance, and promote the Nation's homeland security, public safety, and citizen activated emergency response capabilities through the use of enhanced 911 services, to further upgrade Public Safety Answering Point capabilities and related functions in receiving E-911 calls, and to support in the construction and operation of a ubiquitous and reliable citizen activated system; and to provide that funds received as universal service contributions under section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 and the universal service support programs established pursuant thereto are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act, for a period of time. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-494).

S. 1301, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-495).

S. 2657, to amend part III of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of programs under which supplemental dental and vision benefits are made available to Federal employees, retirees, and their dependents, to expand the contracting authority of the Office of Personnel Management. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-496).

S. 2781, to express the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Darfur, Sudan, to provide assistance for the crisis in Darfur and for comprehensive peace in Sudan. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-497).

S. 2856, to limit the transfer of certain Commodity Credit Corporation funds between conservation programs for technical assistance for the programs. Signed on December 23, 2004. (Public Law 108-498).

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 5 through January 8, 2005

### Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will not be in session.

On *Thursday*, at 12:50 p.m., Senate will proceed to the House of Representatives for a joint session for the counting of the electoral votes of the several States cast in the election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

On *Friday*, Senate will not be in session.